

EDITOR'S MISCELLANY

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TEACHERS' COURSE IN HOSPITAL ECONOMICS

THE prospectus for 1901-1902 for the course in Hospital Economics, Teachers' College, Columbia University, is now ready. Applicants and those who wish to know more about the course will please write for prospectus to Miss A. L. Alline, Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOMMODATION

ONE of the busiest committees of the Congress of Nurses will be the Committee on Accommodation. Already many requests for information in regard to hotels and boarding-houses are beginning to arrive.

It is planned to have some of the members of the Buffalo Nurses' Association meet all incoming day trains the first part of the week. Delegates will be escorted to head-quarters, where lodgings will be assigned them.

A register of rooming- and boarding-houses which have been previously inspected by members of the committee will be maintained.

Delegates and visitors who wish to be assured of accommodation are requested to inform the committee as early as possible of their intention to be present at the Congress, that an idea may be obtained of how many must be provided for.

The prevailing rates for lodgings will be one dollar and one dollar and fifty cents per day each person. In the building of the Women's Union on Niagara Square, where the meetings will be held, is a lunch-room, where light refreshments are served. On the opposite side of the Square is the Women's Christian Association, which will provide dinner at noon for fifty cents.

This association is also building a lodge in the neighborhood of the Exposition grounds which will accommodate several hundred.

Visitors and delegates to any of the nurses' meetings or those coming at any time during the summer to visit the Exposition are cordially invited to write for information to the "Committee on Accommodation, International Congress of Nurses, 55 West Mohawk Street, Buffalo, New York."

CORRECTIONS

In the April number of the THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, in the item relating to Bellevue Hospital, reference was made to a change of hours for doctors, nurses, and helpers. The word "nurses" should not have been inserted. The Training-School is distinct. It has always maintained a high standing, and has been in no way affected by any change made in other departments of the hospital; in fact, in the report of the Bellevue Hospital Committee, published in the *Medical News*, Miss Brennan's department seems to have been the only section of the hospital not heavily scored, which is a matter of pride to the host of graduates and the profession at large.

The preliminary paper bracketed before Mrs. Von Wagner's article, "Women as Sanitary Inspectors," in the last number, was written by Miss Pierson, one of the managers of the Orange Training-School. Miss Pierson is especially interested in securing the admission of women to municipal posts as sanitary inspectors under Boards of Health.

A FAIR COMPARISON

To the Editor of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

A most admirable paper was read lately before the St. John's House Debating Society, London, by Miss Mary Burr, called "Should a Nurse Pay for her Training?" In a crisp and animated style she presents the pros and cons of the nursing system in England (much of it applies here as well) and gives all the practical points on both sides.

Her conclusion is that as things are at present nurses could not justly be asked to pay for their nursing education. She lines up in straight array that which is received and that which is given by the nurse. On one side the uniforms, the board, lodging, laundry, and so-called education in nursing. Examining these, she finds that time and money may be lost through an unsuccessful probation month, that the uniform and allowances are usually not sufficient to cover all expenses, that laundry allowances are scanty, and that the food served to nurses is almost invariably bad,—either spoiled in the cooking, or badly served, or insufficient; finally, that the education given is often of the most scrappy and desultory character. Against this she places the actual care of the hospital patients taken by the nurses, and also the immense amount of ward cleaning and hospital housework which they give, their long hours of work, averaging in a week twenty-one hours more than the average workingman. She compares the circumstances of the medical student and the pupil nurse, and concludes that, if it is right to expect nurses to pay for their teaching, they may rightly expect certain conditions—viz., scrubbing and cleaning to be confined to a preparatory period; an eight- or nine-hour working day, good food, and a thoroughly good course of systematic instruction, with study and reading facilities.

ONE WHO HAS SCRUBBED.

MARRIED

MISS ETHEL ANGUS, Class of '99, Newton Hospital, Newton, Massachusetts, was married to Dr. Alfred S. Wiley, Newton Highlands, at Ottawa, Canada, March 28, 1901.

MISS ALICE JOSEPHINE SLEEPER, Newton Hospital, Class of '99, and George Moulton Frame, of Boston, were married at Washington, D. C., February 22, 1901.

DEATH OF MISS McDADE

ON January 16, after an illness of less than a week's duration, Vina McDade died of pneumonia in the Presbyterian Hospital. Miss McDade was a member of the first class that was graduated from the Presbyterian Hospital Training-School for Nurses—1894. At the end of the training she left a splendid record of work accomplished, and during this course she evidenced the executive ability that afterwards won for her the respect and admiration of so many. Miss McDade was for some time associated with the work in a private hospital, afterwards spent several years engaged in private duty, and was for two years the successful superintendent of the Hospital and Training-School at the German Hospital, Newark, New Jersey.

For the past eighteen months she was again connected with the work in this hospital. Capable, and ever ready for duty where needed, during these months she alternately filled the positions of night superintendent and head nurse of the private surgical corridor and of the women's medical wards. It was while in charge of the nursing in the latter wards that she contracted the disease that caused her death. Miss McDade's ability as a teacher, her quiet method of overcoming difficulties, her executive management, together with her cheerfulness and patience, and sympathy and tenderness towards the suffering, were beyond the average. Ready to give of her best and assume responsibility when necessary, she never failed to gain the confidence of patients and nurses.

Her death is a loss to her former patients, nearer friends, and the nursing profession at large. She was an active member of the Nurses' Alumnae Association and took an interest in all questions pertaining to nursing work.

She had a true affection for the Presbyterian Hospital, its management and work throughout, and often expressed herself as feeling more at home and happier here than anywhere else.

The following resolutions were passed at the meeting of our Alumnae Association held in February:

"Resolved, That the members of the Alumnae Association of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, will hold in long and loving remembrance the name of their associate, Alvina McDade, whom it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from this earthly abode.

"Resolved, That we, her associates, lament her decease and extend to her family expressions of sincerest sympathy.

"Resolved, That the above resolutions be published in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased."

RESOLUTIONS UPON THE DEATH OF MISS KEYES

MISS MINNIE V. KEYES, who died at the City Hospital, Rochester, New York, on April 6, after an operation for appendicitis, was a member of the Class of '98.

At a meeting of the Alumnæ Association, held April 9, a committee was appointed to prepare and draft the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst Miss Minnie V. Keyes, an esteemed member of our Association; therefore

"Resolved, That in her death our association has lost a highly esteemed and much-loved member, and the nursing profession a faithful worker.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be extended with our deepest sympathy to her family; that a second copy be sent to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and that a record be made of the same in the minutes of this meeting.

"E. FRICK,

"JEAN WILSON,

"E. C. SANFORD,

"Committee."

